

MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
A SERVICE OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, March 2, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Transfiguration Sunday
Communion Sunday

Welcome and Greeting - Pastor Mark

Prelude: "Songs of Worship and Praise" (arr. Sharon Elery Rogers) - Barb/Mayflower Ringers
(O Worship the King; Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing; All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name)

Opening Sentences - Daun

Hymn 526: "We Come as Guests Invited" - DeeAnn et al.

Opening Prayer - Daun

Anthem: "Old Time Religion" (Traditional Spiritual, arr. Jay Althouse) - Barb/DeeAnn/Choir

Giving and Receiving of Our Gifts - Pastor Mark

Doxology (Hymn 563) - DeeAnn

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors) - Pastor Mark

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 - Rachel

God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Sermon: "THE GOOD NEWS THAT TRANSFORMS US FROM MANY TO ONE" - Rev. Mike

Observance of Holy Communion (see insert)

Hymn 509: "Covenant Hymn" - DeeAnn et al.

Benediction - Pastor Mark

Benediction Response Hymn 497 (v. 1): "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" - DeeAnn et al.

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Greet One Another - All

Participants: Rev. Michael Fales, Pastor Mark and DeeAnn McCormick, Barb Fuller,
Daun Ketcheson, Rachel Gehres, Chancel Choir, Mayflower Ringers

COMMUNION RITUAL

CONFESSION

All: Forgiving God, we come to this table knowing that we often fall short of all that you desire for us. Sometimes we fail both as individuals and as a community of faith. We seek your mercy and grace, as we ask you for forgiveness and renewal, that we may better follow you. In the name of your Son, Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Minister: We have this assurance that no matter how far we wander, or how far away we feel from God, we never move outside the boundaries of God's gracious love for us. We are loved, we are forgiven, we are blessed. We celebrate open communion here at Mayflower Church, in the tradition of our Beloved Teacher who welcomed all to the Supper, even those who betrayed him, or ran away in fear.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

THE INVITATION

Minister: We welcome you to this table, whether you are a member of this church, another church, or no church. All you need is faith, or a desire for faith. This is the time when we all acknowledge our past failures, sins, and disappointments, and present ourselves to God, who offers us love, forgiveness, and wholeness. Remember, God accepts us just where we are and who we are at this very moment in our lives.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Minister: On the night when He was betrayed, as Jesus sat at supper with His disciples, He took the bread, blessed and broke it, and said to them, "Take, eat: this is My body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and blessed it, saying, "This is the cup of the new testament in My blood: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes again."

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this memorial of your love, and have granted to us the presence of your Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord, and we ask you to strengthen our faith in you and to increase our love toward one another, through Him, our Redeemer. Amen.

1. We come as guests in - vit - ed When Je - sus bids us dine,
 2. We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing From Christ the grace we need,
 3. One bread is ours for shar - ing, One sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

His friends on earth u - nit - ed To share the bread and wine;
 And in our hearts be - liev - ing On Him by faith we feed;
 Our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing Re - newed in bread and wine:

The bread of life is bro - ken, The wine is free - ly poured
 With won - der and thanks - giv - ing For love that knows no end,
 Re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en By to - ken, sign, and word,

For us, in sol - emn to - ken Of Christ our dy - ing Lord.
 We find in Je - sus liv - ing Our ev - er - pres - ent Friend.
 The pledge and seal of heav - en, The love of Christ our Lord.

GOD'S COVENANT PEOPLE

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Covenant Hymn

Ruth 1:16

Gary Daigle, 1952-

Rory Cooney, 1957-

F FADD9 F

1. Wher - ev - er you go, I will fol - low, Wher -
 2. What - ev - er you dream, I am with you, When
 3. And though you should fall, you will find Me, When
 4. Wher - ev - er you die, I will be there To
 5. Wher - ev - er you go, I will fol - low, Be -

Bb Gm7/C F Gm7/C F

ev - er you live is My home. Though days be of
 stars call your name in the night. Though shad - ows and
 no oth - er friend can you claim, When foes beat you
 sing you to sleep with a psalm, To soothe you with
 hold! The ho - ri - zon shines clear. The pos - si - ble

FADD9 F Gm7 Gm7/F Ebmaj7 Bb/D

bless - ing or sor - row, Though house be of can - vas or
 mist cloud the fu - ture, To - geth - er we bear there a
 down or be - tray you And oth - ers de - sert you in
 tales of our jour - ney, Your fears and your doubts I will
 gleams like a cit - y: To - geth - er we've noth - ing to

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Gm7 C7/Bb Am7 DSUS4 D

stone, Though E - den be lost to the past, Though
 light. Like A - bram and Sar - ah we stand, With
 shame. When home and dreams aren't e - nough, And
 calm. We'll live when jour - neys are done For -
 fear. So speak with words bold and true The

Gm7 Bbm6/Db Gm7/C

moun - tains be - fore us be vast, Wher -
 on - ly a prom - ise in hand. But
 you run a - way from My love, I'll
 ev - er in mem - 'ry as one. And
 mes - sage My heart speaks to you. You

F/A Gm7 Am7 Dm7

ev - er you go, I am with you, I
 lead where you dream: I will fol - low. To
 raise you from where you have fall - en. 7
 we will be bur - ied to - geth - er, And
 won't be a - lone, I have prom - ised. Wher -

Gm7 Bb/C FSUS4 F

nev - er will leave you a - lone.
 dream with you is My de - light.
 Faith - ful to you is My name.
 wak - en to greet a new dawn.
 ev - er you go, I am here.